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Climb aboard for another fantastic issue of **Thomas The Tank Engine & Friends!** In our first story, **Toby's troubles**, Toby is worried by the bonfire at Wellsworth school, but that's not the main cause of his problems! On page 8, find out how to stay safe on bonfire night and how to have a brilliant time as well. In our Read & Play story, **Party time Thomas**, it's firework night and Thomas is an important part of the celebrations! Learn how to make some simply yummy tasting engine shaped biscuits on page 16, and then share them with your family and friends. In our final story, **The Ghost Ship**, Oliver spots an ancient ship, is it real or not? Read on to find out! There are also some great Thomas prizes to win! **Peep! Peep!**

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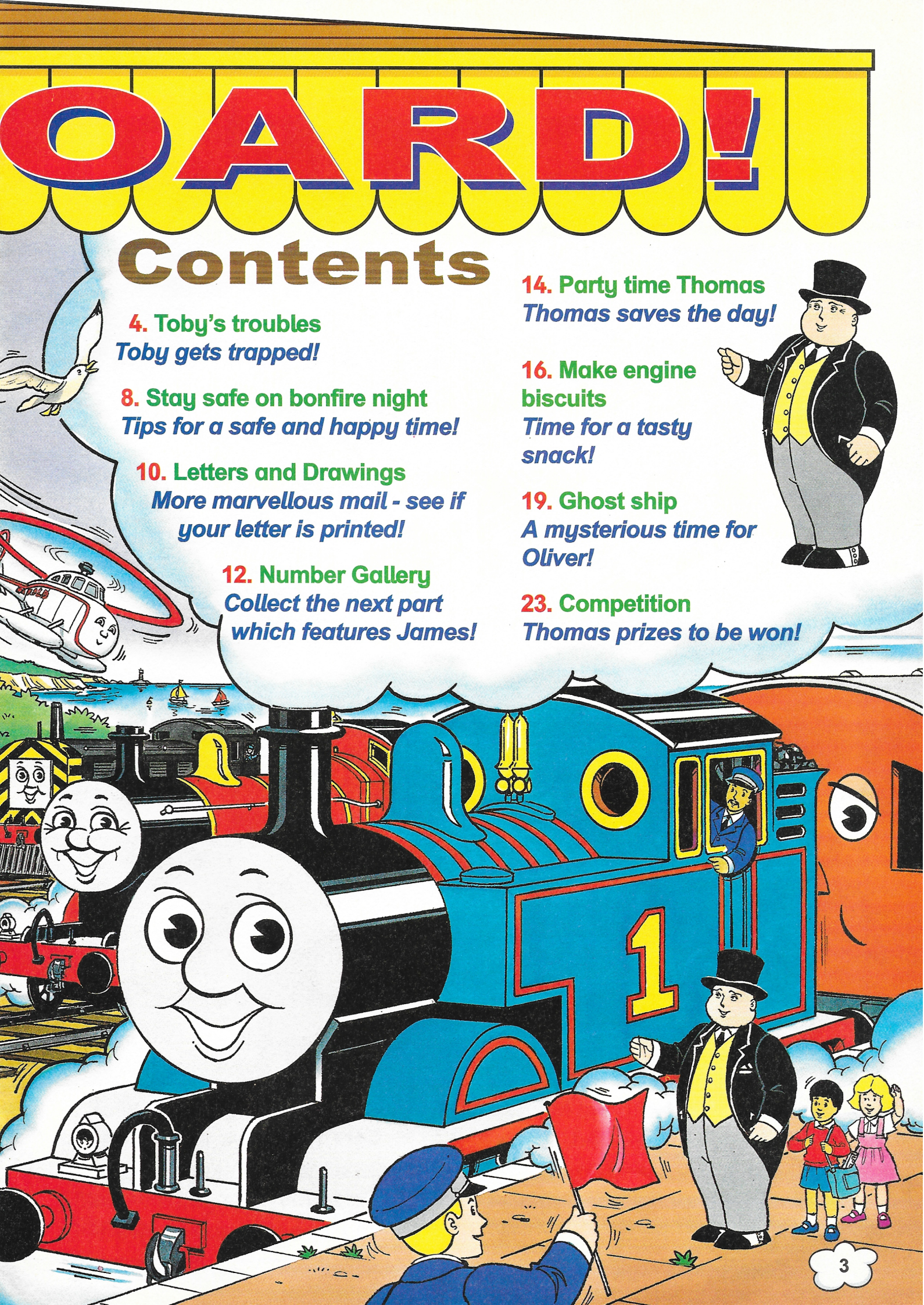

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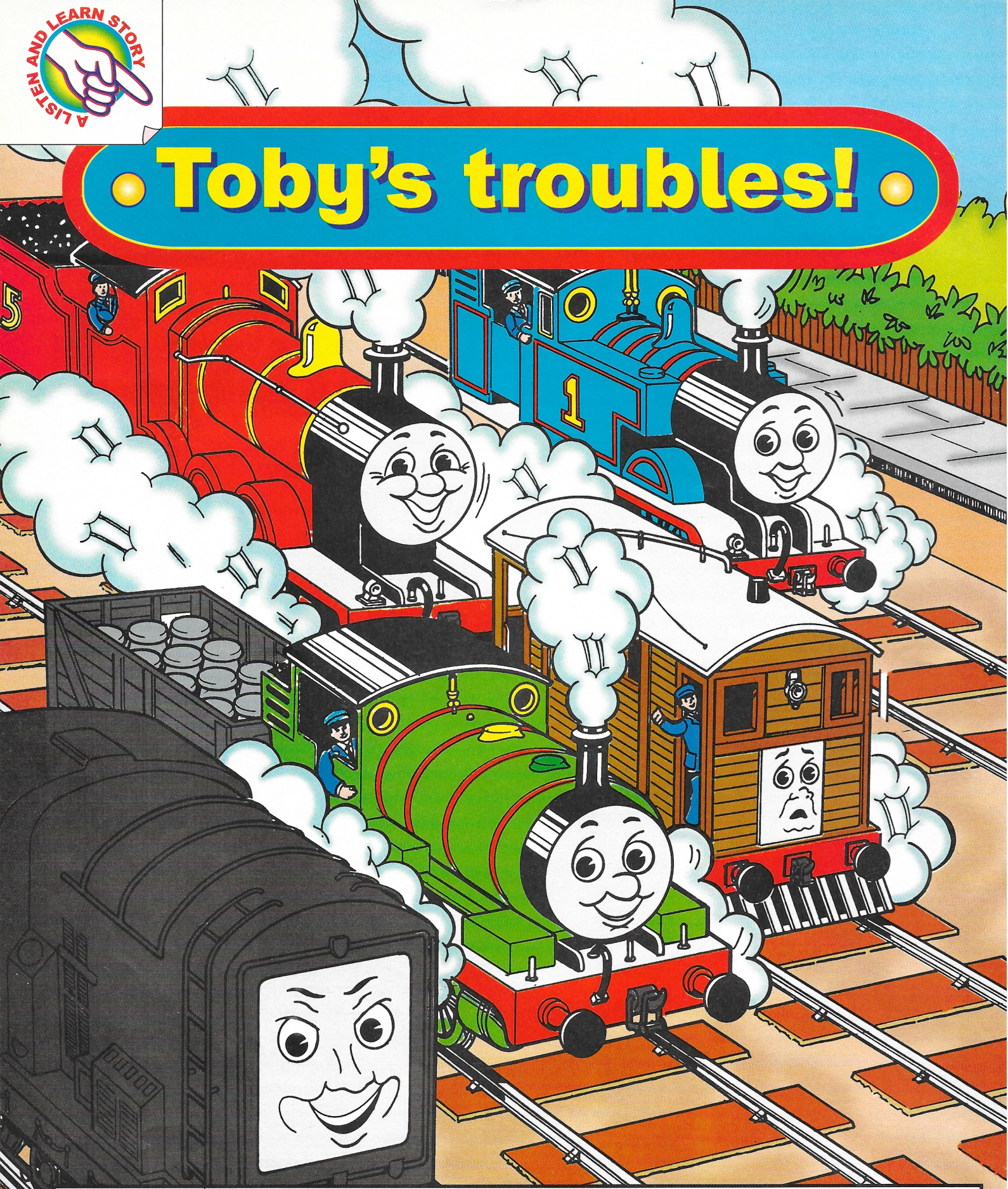
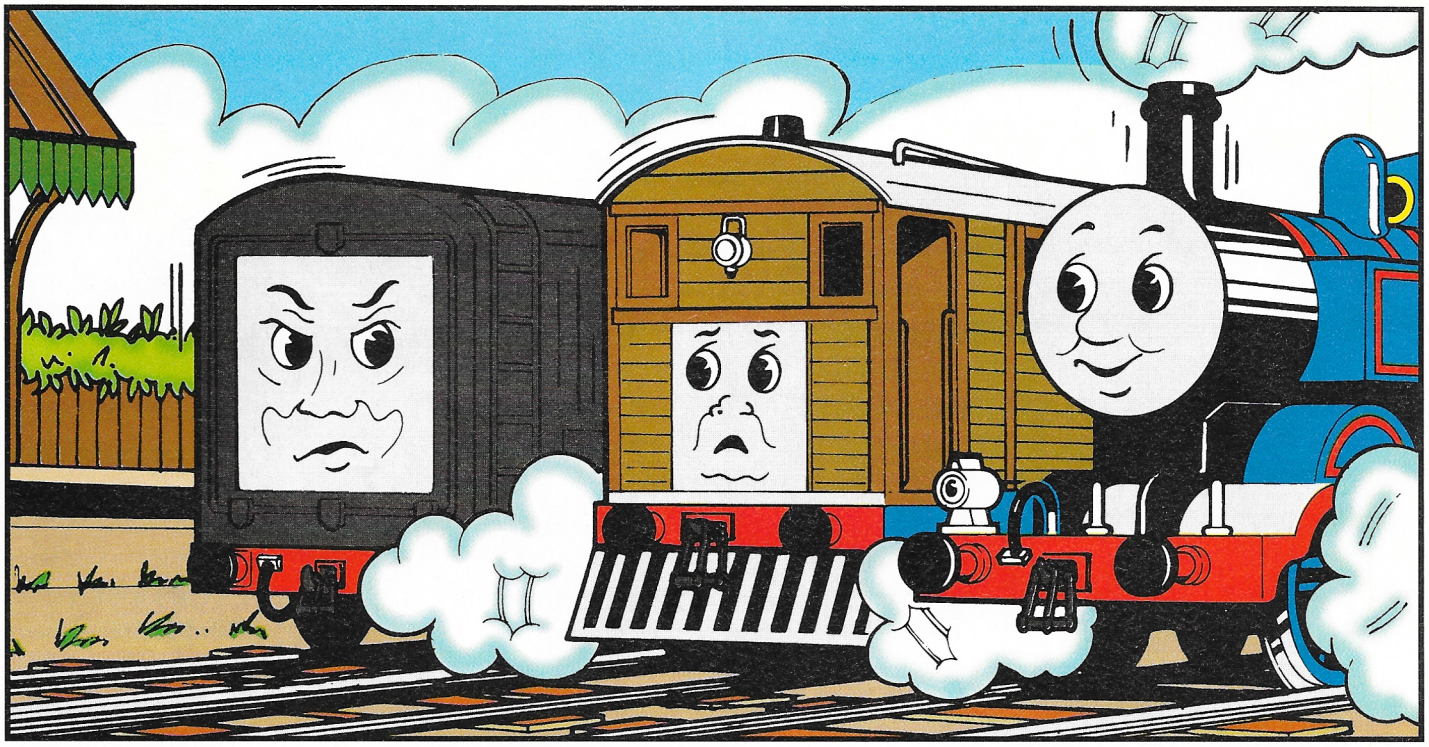


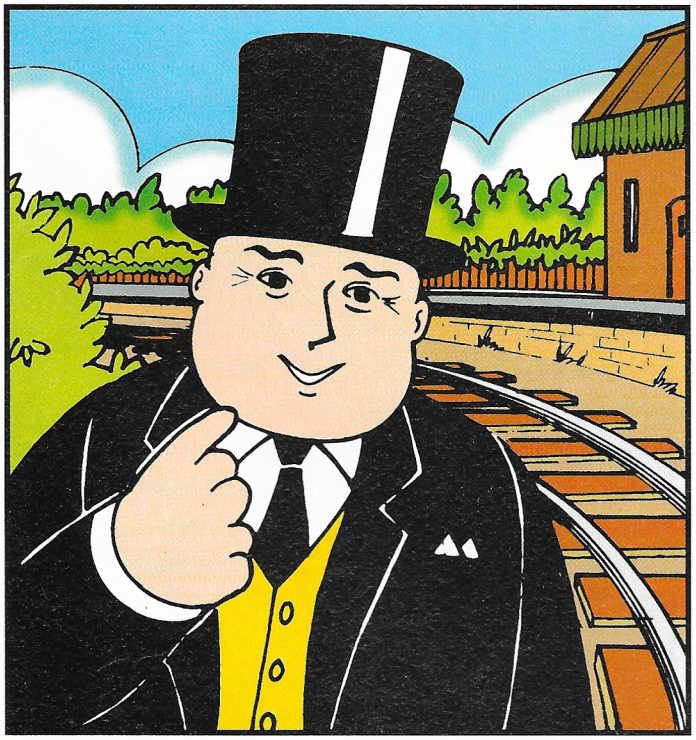
1. Thomas returned to the Main Station feeling very excited. "What's wrong with you?" asked James. "Wellsworth school are having a bonfire night!" he cried.

2. "How exciting!" gasped Percy. "The Fat Controller will want an efficient engine to take the passengers!" The engines waited excitedly for some good news.



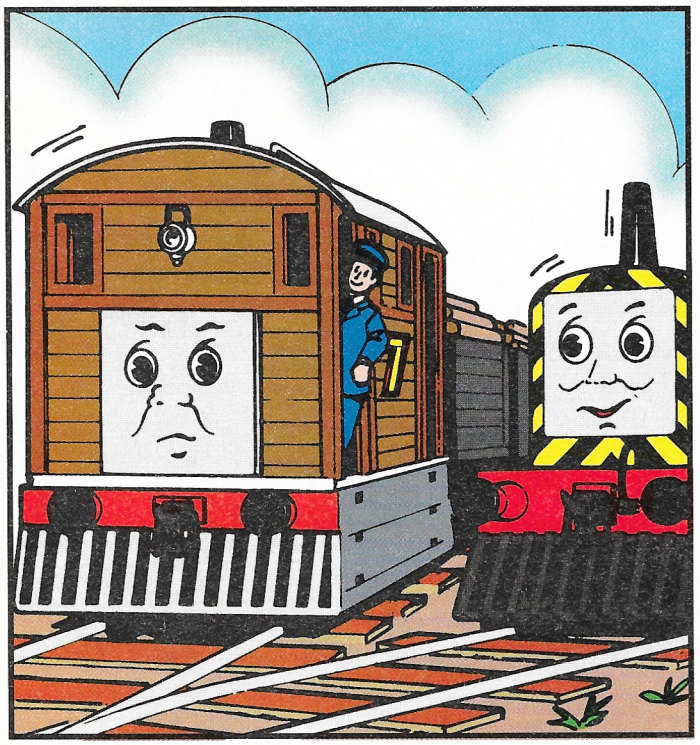
3. Everyone was excited, all except Toby. "What's wrong?" asked Thomas. "I'm pretty old, and one spark from the fire would set me alight," said Toby.

4. "Maybe the Fat Controller will give you to the school to throw on the bonfire," chuckled Diesel, nastily. Toby looked very nervous as he left to work at the Quarry.

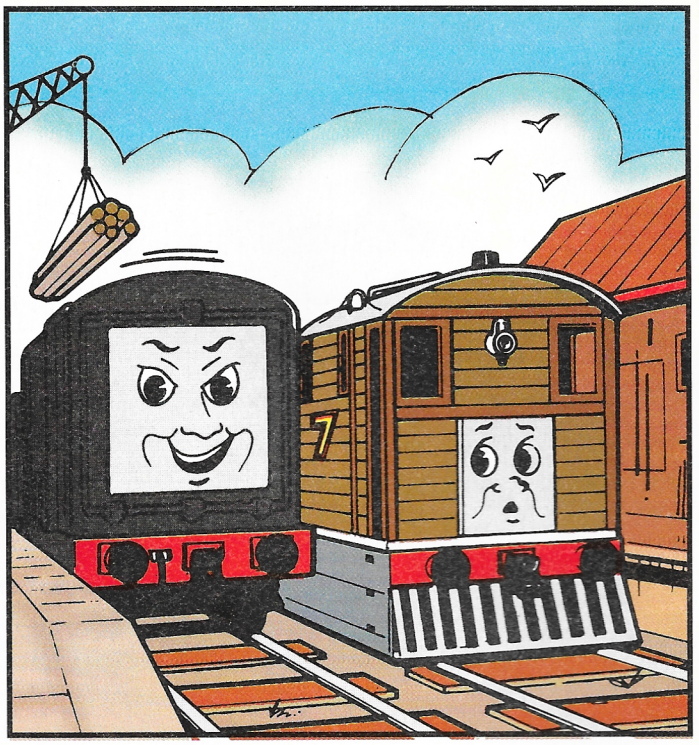


5. Later that day, the Fat Controller told the engines that all the timber on the railway would be cleared and given to Wellsworth school, to build their bonfire.

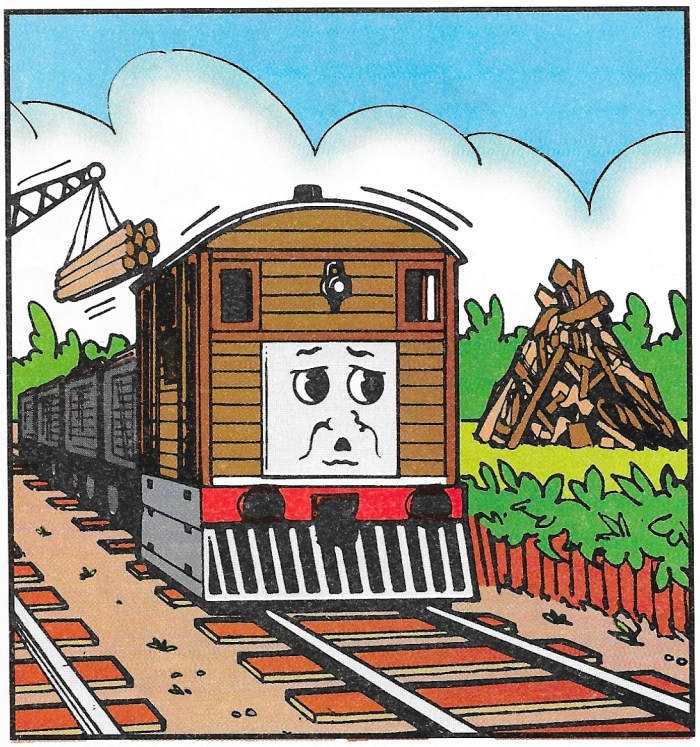
6. "The Quarry needs to be cleared," said the Fat Controller to Toby. "Then deliver the wood to the school." "Watch out for the flying sparks!" laughed Diesel.



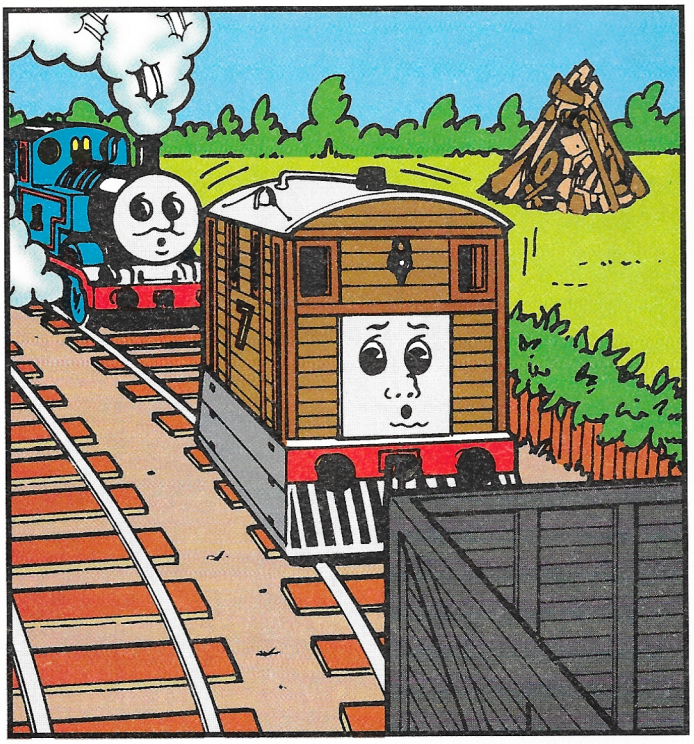
7. Toby worked hard all day at the Quarry, with Mavis. There was so much timber that Toby realised it would take two trips to deliver all of the wood to the school.



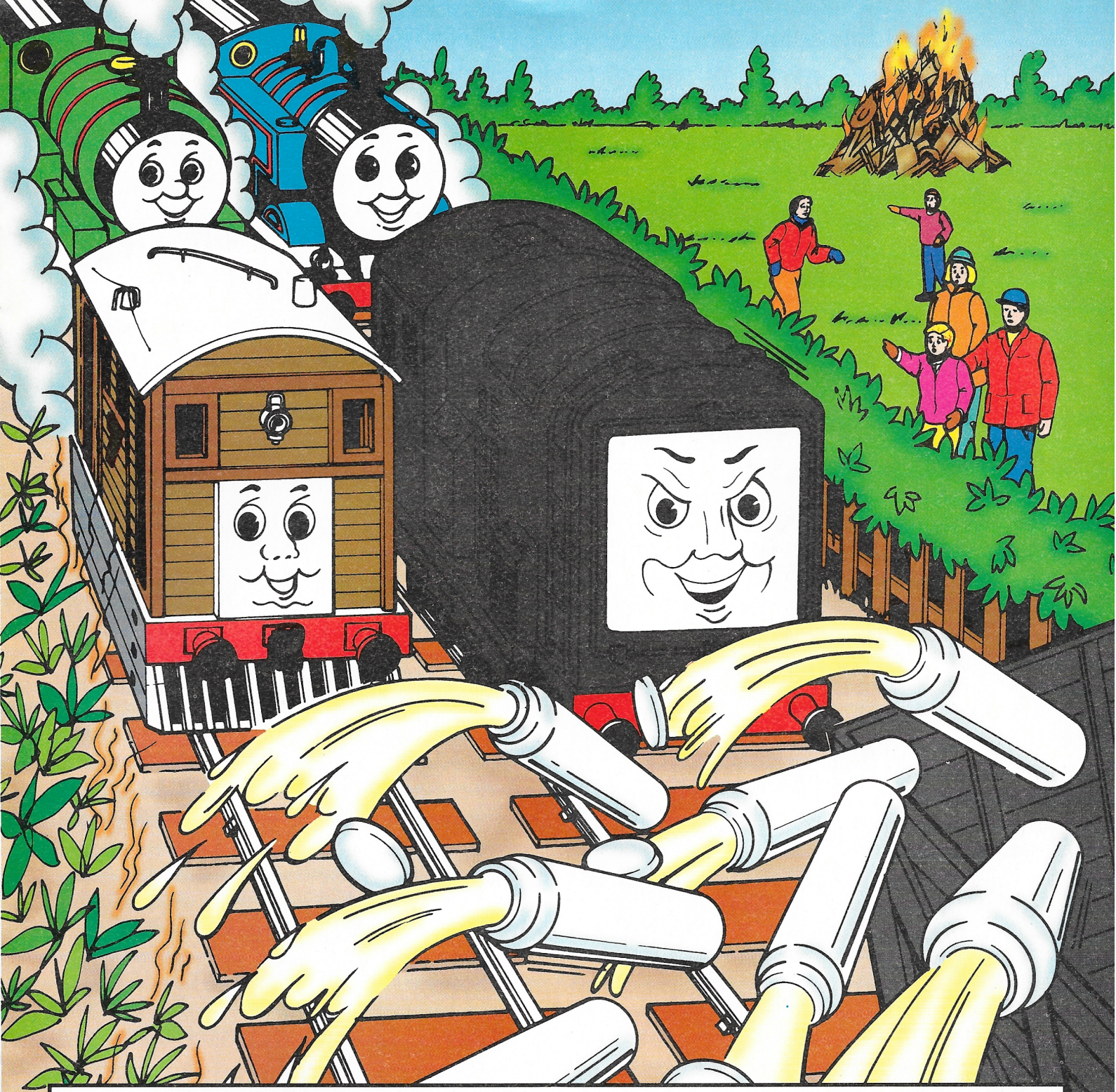
8. Workmen had just finished unloading Diesel's trucks when he arrived. "Don't worry, they haven't lit the fire yet!" cried Diesel. "Oh, go oil yourself!" said Toby, crossly.



9. It took a while to unload Toby's trucks and as they finished, Thomas and Percy arrived. "I've got to bring some more timber from the Quarry." said Toby.

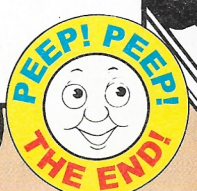


10. "Well, you had better hurry up," said Thomas. "They want to light the fire soon." Toby was not very happy. "Oh dear!" he thought. "I really don't like fires."



11. It wasn't long before Toby returned with the rest of the timber. Soon the bonfire was alight. "Oh, no!" cried Toby. Just then, a spark from the flames set light to an area of dry grass that was very close to Toby! "Help!" he cried, anxiously. There was an engine in front of him and Percy behind him. Toby was stuck. Luckily, Diesel and his driver had spotted what had happened.

12. "Quick! Push that truck of milk churns towards that siding!" shouted Diesel's driver, anxiously. As quick as lightning, Diesel pushed the truck, then his driver braked sharply. The milk churns toppled out of the truck, spilling milk all over the flames. Everyone gasped with surprise. "Well," smiled Diesel, happily, "I thought Toby could do with a *milkshake*!"

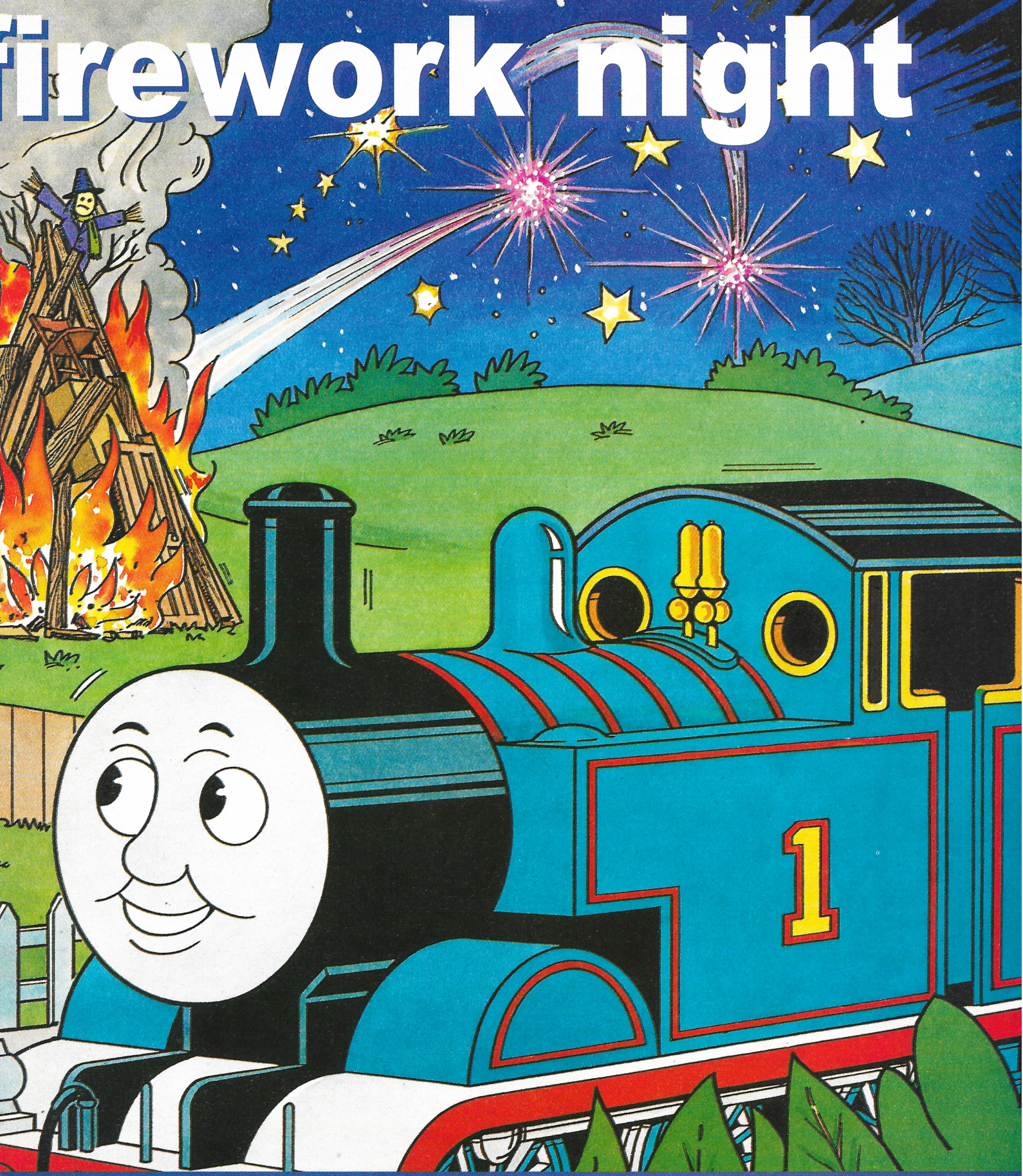


Stay safe on

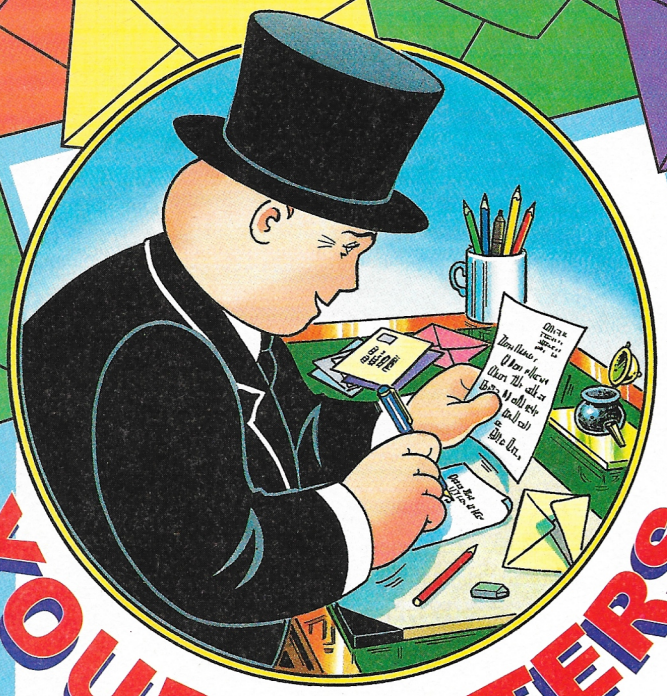
Here are some handy tips from Stephen and Bridget, to make sure that you have a safe and happy bonfire night!

1. Try to go to a bonfire display that is well organised and concerned with safety.
2. Leave any pets at home - they may get scared by the noise!
3. Stand well away from the bonfire and firework display.

firework night



4. Ask an adult to light any sparklers or fireworks for you. Perhaps you can get them to write Thomas's name in the sky with a sparkler!
5. Take a bucket of sand to put the sparklers in once they have been used.
6. Do not pick up any sparklers or fireworks off the ground once they have been used.
7. Dress up warm and make sure you have a simply superb time!



YOUR LETTERS

STAR LETTER!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win one of these Thomas push and pull motorised engines!

Dear Fat Controller,
Could you please tell me who is in charge of all the engines when you are ill, or on holiday?
Love from Ryan Ashmore, aged 3.
It is very difficult when I am unable to look after the engines, as they all need a close eye kept on them! When I cannot be there, the Stationmaster and engine drivers normally fill in for me.

Dear Fat Controller,
Please can you tell me if Donald and Douglas are twins, like Bill and Ben?
Love Matthew, aged 4.
Donald and Douglas certainly are twins, just like Bill and Ben, only they come from Scotland!

Dear Fat Controller,
What do you do to the engines when they are naughty?
Love from Daryl Wilson, aged 6.
Normally the engines are pretty well behaved. However, on occasions they can misbehave and then I have to give them a stern talking to!

Photo of the fortnight!

This great photograph was sent in by Connor and Nathan, aged 3 and 2. Their mum painted their bedroom wall with this splendid Thomas scene - an artist in the making!

BIRTHDAYS

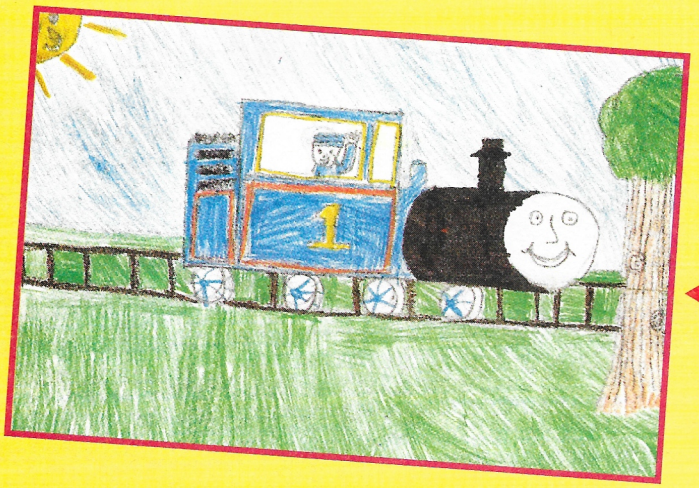
Birthday wishes, from all the engines, go to...

Benjamin Hawling, Matthew Mangan, Talan Richards and Sarah Edwards.

Drawing Board!

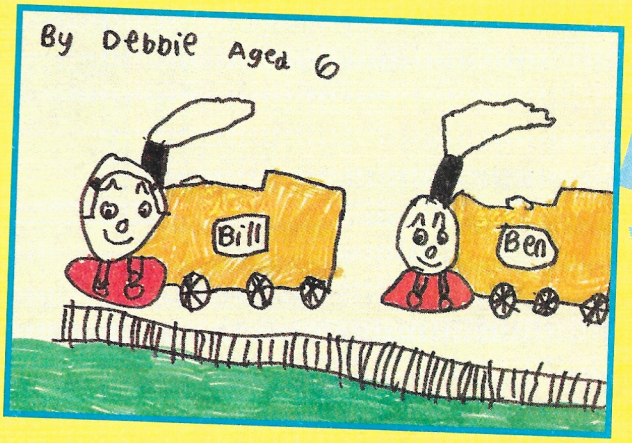
Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board

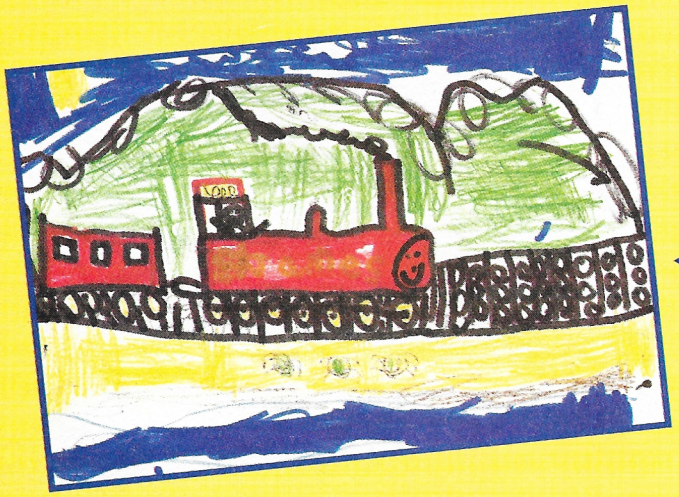
This terrific picture of Terence the Tractor was drawn by Tom Newton, aged 6.



Thomas is enjoying himself on a sunny day in this lovely picture. It was drawn by Megan McIlvenna, aged 8.

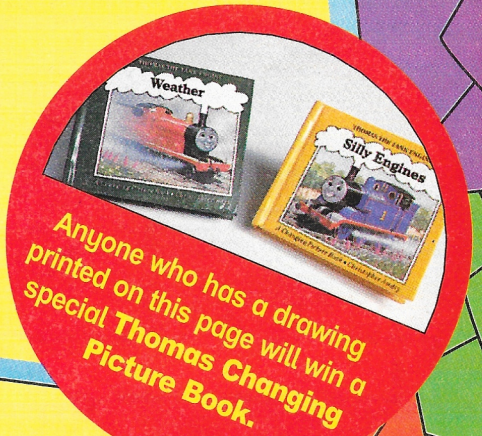
Debbie Handley, aged 6, sent in this great picture of Bill and Ben, the saddletank twins!





James is taking people to the beach in this bright picture, drawn by Andrew Tortolano, aged 6.

If you would like to have your drawing or painting displayed on the page, then please send your entries to: The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London, WC2R 3DX.



Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a special Thomas Changing Picture Book.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

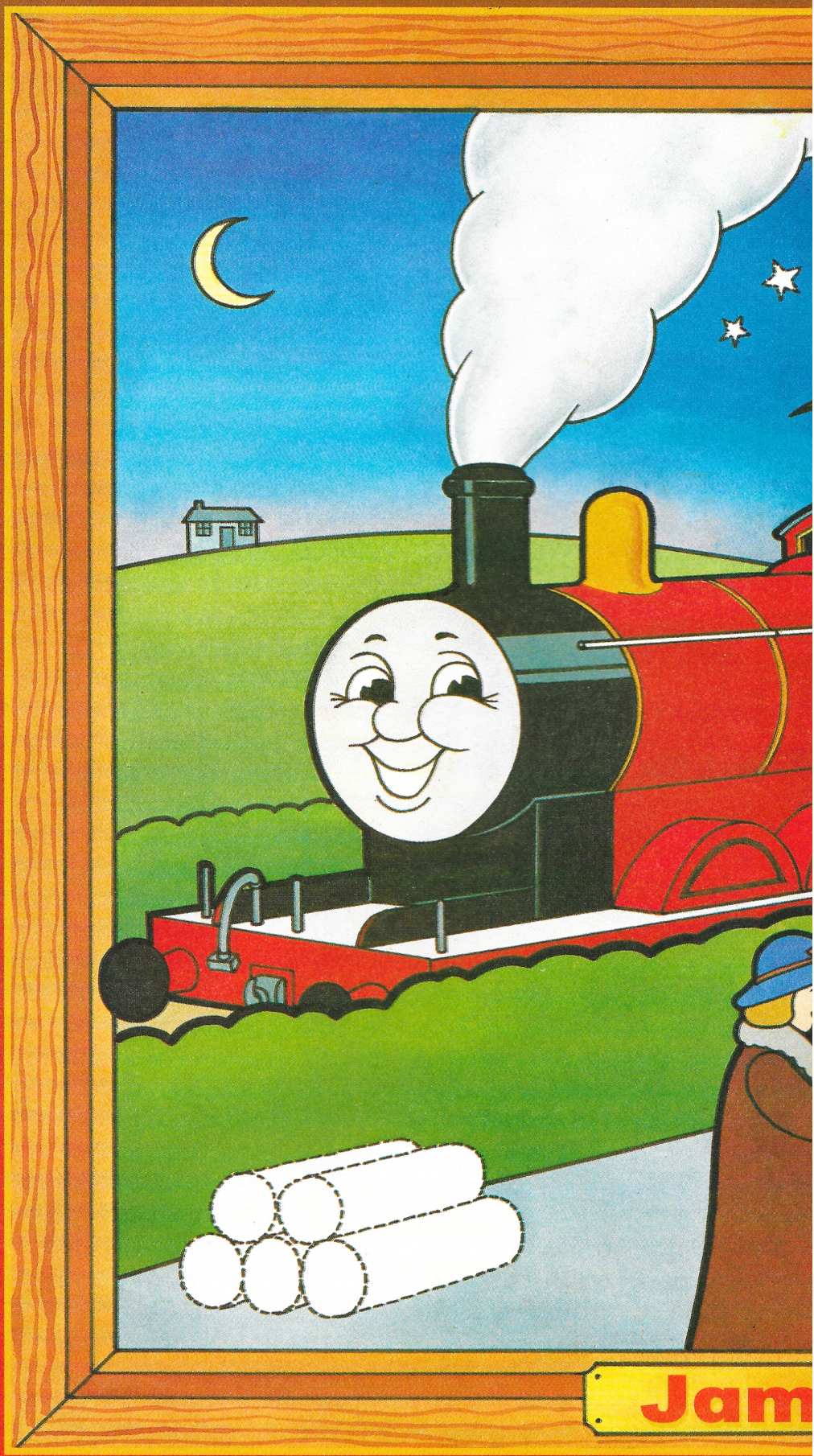
Number G

Do you recognise the engine? Of course you do, it's James the Red Engine! If you saved your cut-outs from the last issue, stick them on to the page to complete the picture. Then cut out the pictures to the right of James and keep them to stick on Number Gallery 6, which will feature in the next issue of **Thomas The Tank Engine & Friends!**

It's a winter's night and the moon's shining bright,
James and his driver are looking at the sights!
There's a lady holding a lamp, giving off light.
There are stars in the sky, and an owl's taken flight!

How many stars can you see?

What colour is the hat that the lady is wearing?



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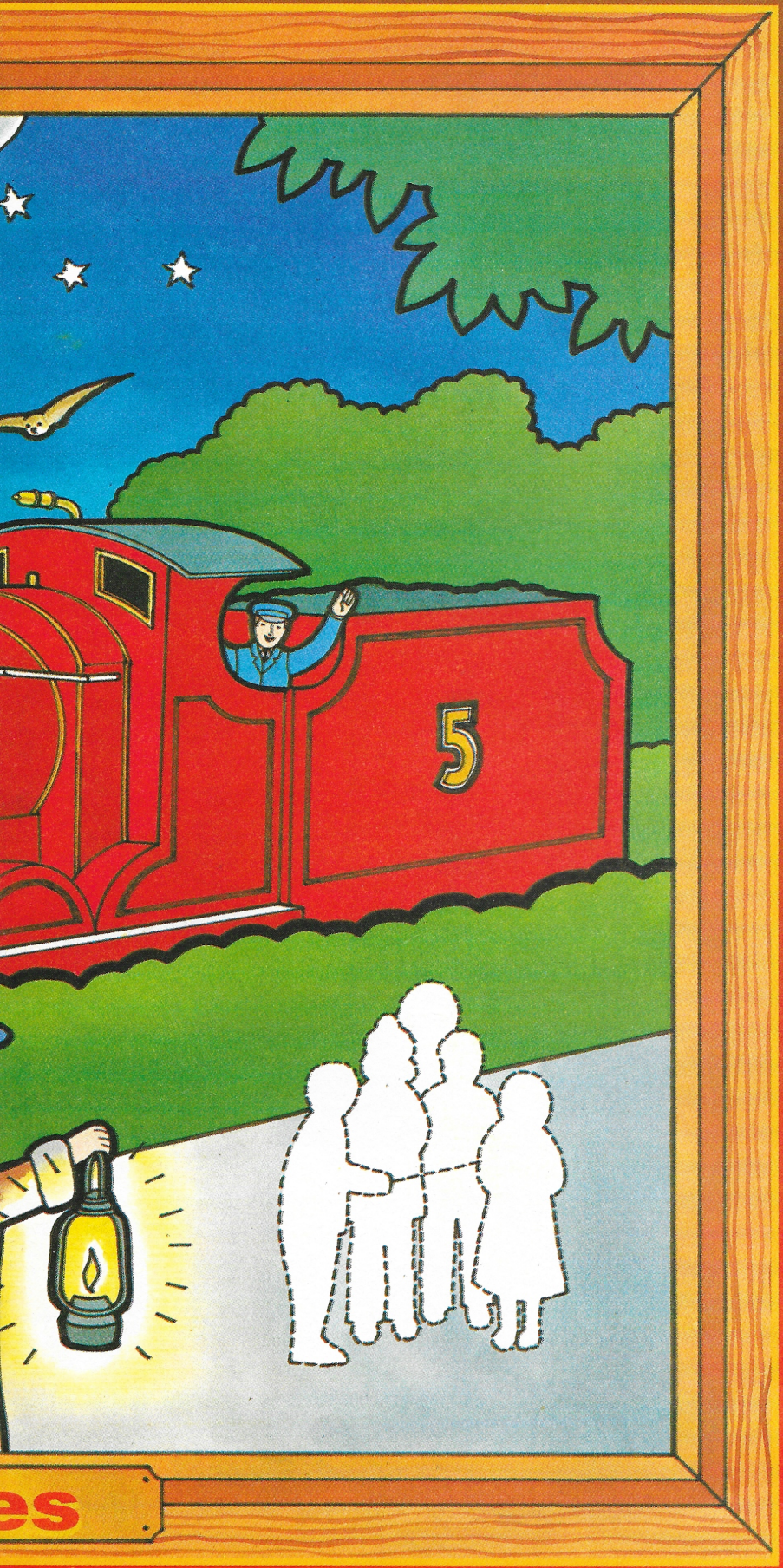

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Party time Thomas!

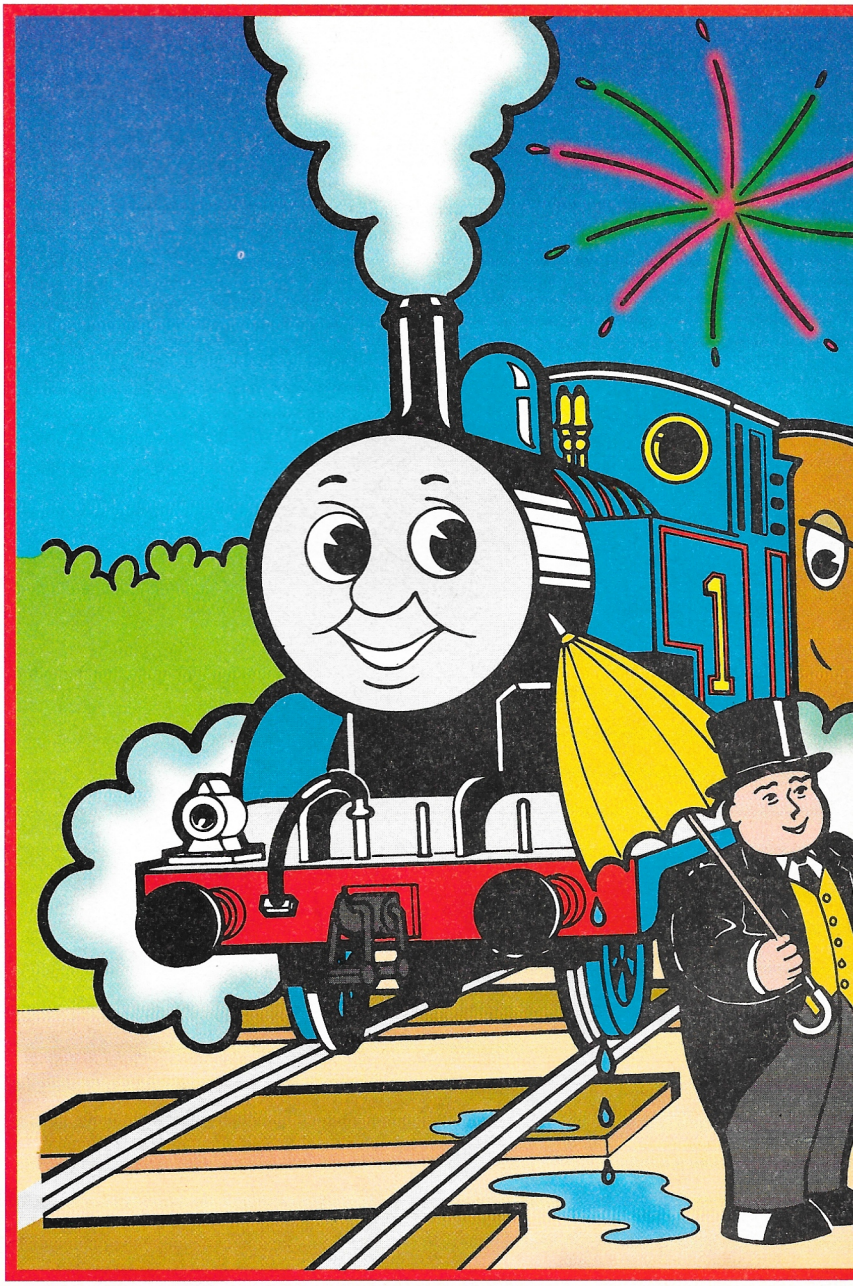
There was going to be a special firework display at Wellsworth Park. All of the engines loved Guy Fawkes night, especially Thomas. Later that day the Fat Controller spoke to his engines.

"The park has asked me to arrange a train to take passengers to the display," he announced. All the engines felt very excited.

"Well, I think it should be me!" puffed James, proudly. "I can pull one of the Express coaches, so the people can arrive in style!"

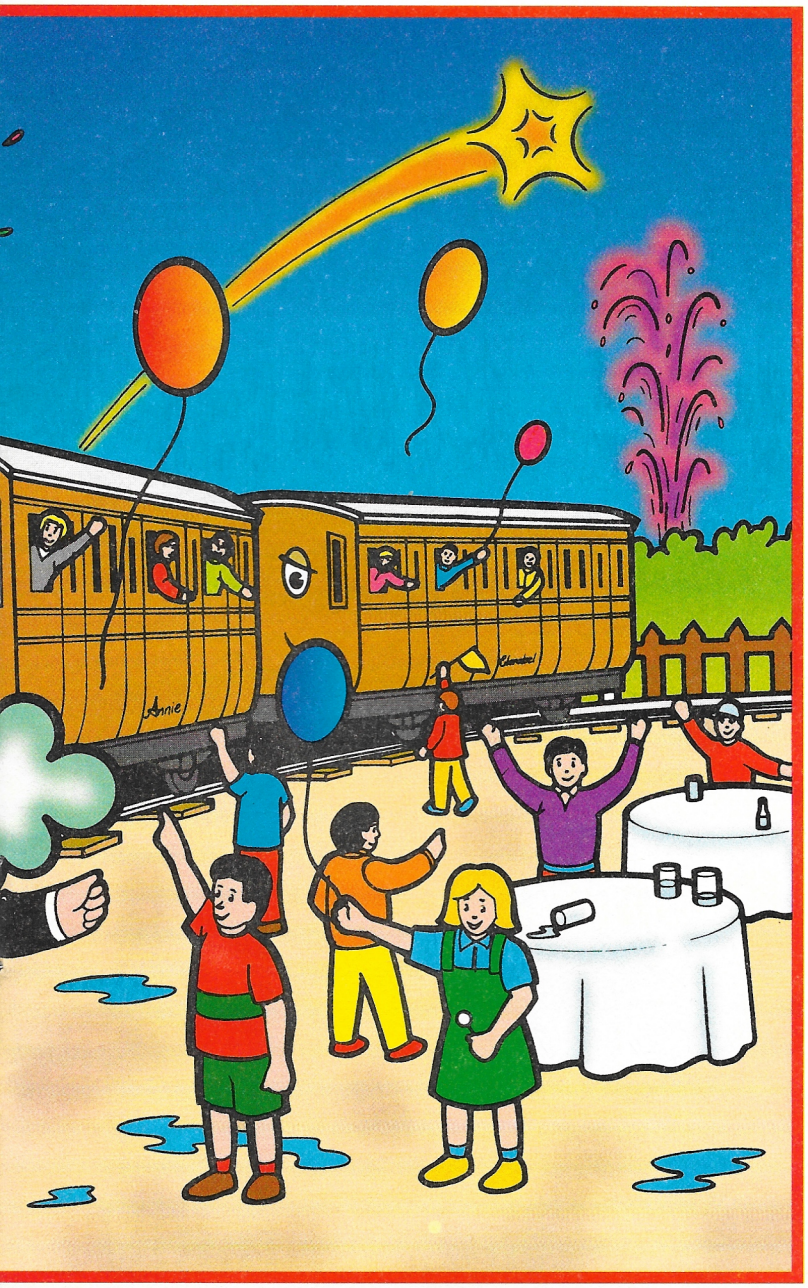
"No, I'm afraid not James!" replied the Fat Controller. "I have already decided on an engine." All the engines wondered who it was; Thomas prayed that it would be him. "Thomas and his coaches will pull the firework special," said the Fat Controller. He told one of the engine drivers to polish Thomas, ready for the evening.

Night-time soon arrived and



all of the passengers aboard Annie and Clarabel hoped that the weather would stay fine. There was going to be food and drink to enjoy, and all of the children were particularly looking forward to the display.

Soon after the display started, it began to rain. Everybody rushed back on board Thomas and his coaches. All the food was taken off the food stalls and taken on board. Everyone said that they would wait until the rain had stopped to continue the evening. However, as everyone seemed to be having so much fun, they decided to stay aboard Thomas and finish the evening with a great party!



"What a night!" said Thomas to his driver, but no-one answered! His driver was having too much fun at the party!

Turn the page for a tasty treat; there are some engine biscuits for you to eat!

Make some e

It's always great to go to a fireworks display and there's nothing better than having a little snack while you are there! So why not make and take your own engine biscuits? They'll definitely be a roaring success!

What you need:
50g (2oz) plain flour
25g (1oz) butter or margarine
25g (1oz) caster sugar
1 beaten egg to mix.

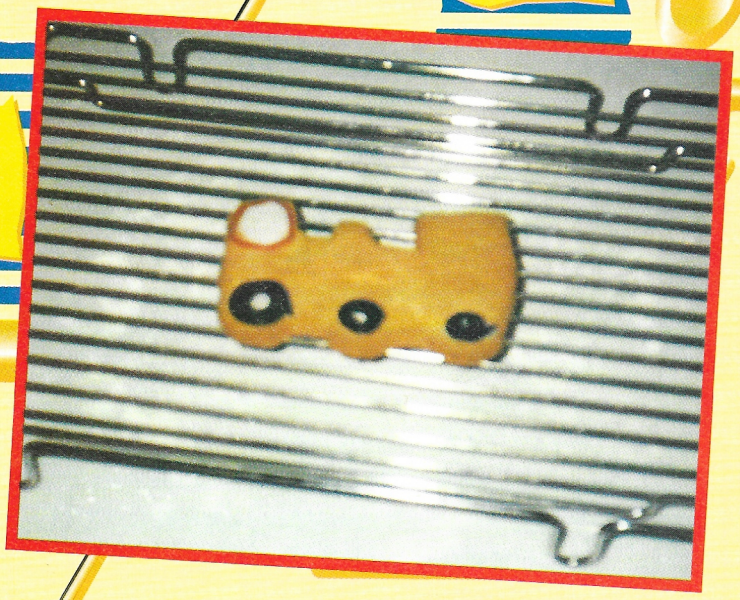
1. Ask a grown-up to help weigh out your ingredients and sift the flour into a bowl. Then rub in the butter or margarine so the mixture looks like breadcrumbs.

2. Stir in the sugar and enough beaten egg to mix to a firm dough.

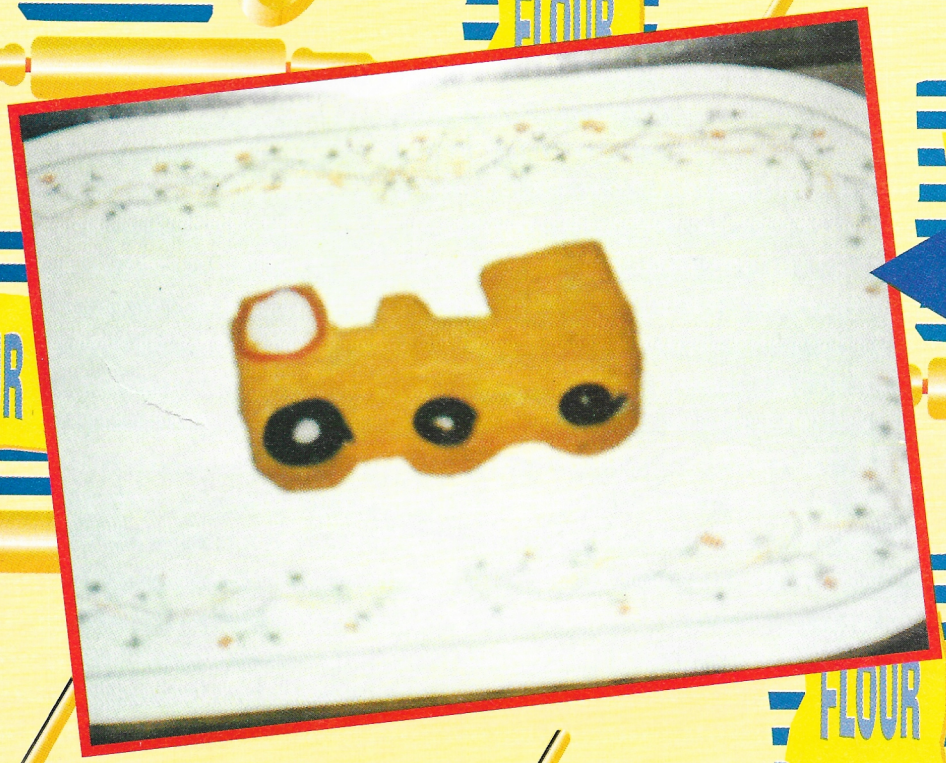
3. Now, using your hands knead your dough on a lightly floured surface so the pastry doesn't stick to your fingers and kitchen surface.

ngine biscuits!

4. On a thin piece of clean card, draw and cut out a simple engine shape like the one in our picture. Place the shape on to your dough and using a round ended knife carefully cut out your engine.



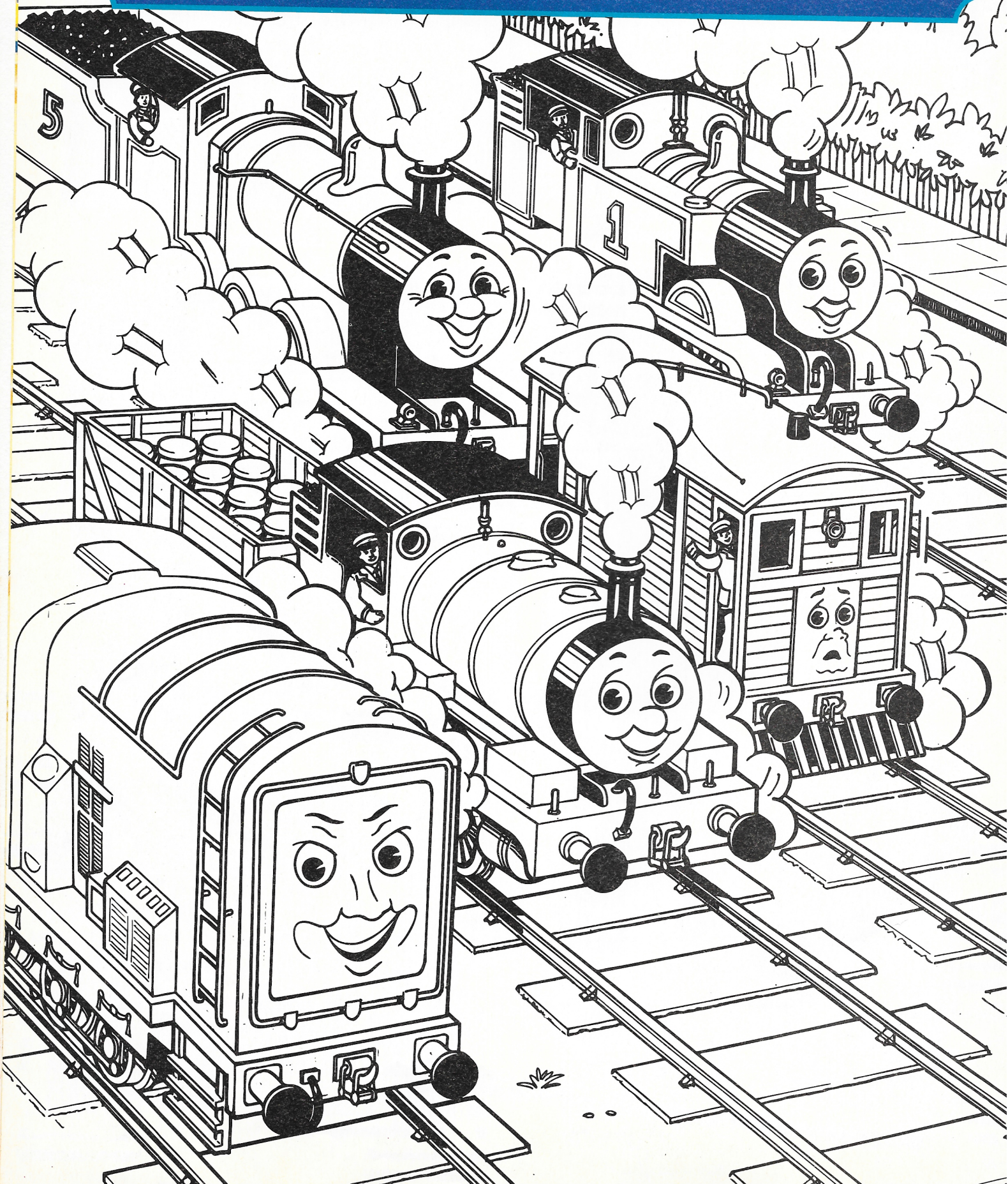
5. Ask a grown up to put your engine biscuit on to a baking tray and bake in the oven, 180°c, gas mark 4 for 12 to 15 minutes.

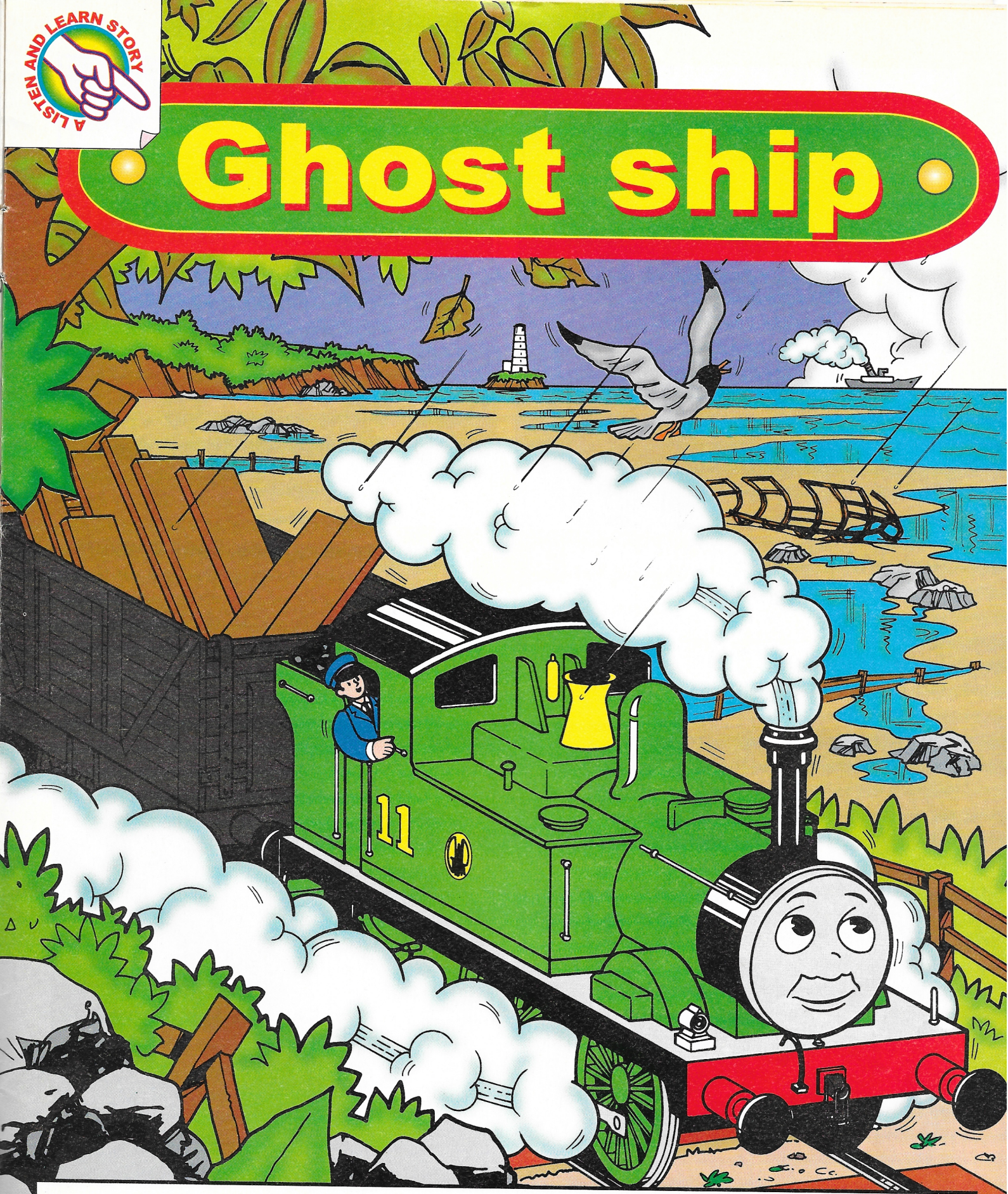


6. When it has cooked, you could sprinkle icing sugar over your biscuit or use pieces of licorice for its wheels. Mmm Yummy!

COLOURING TIME!

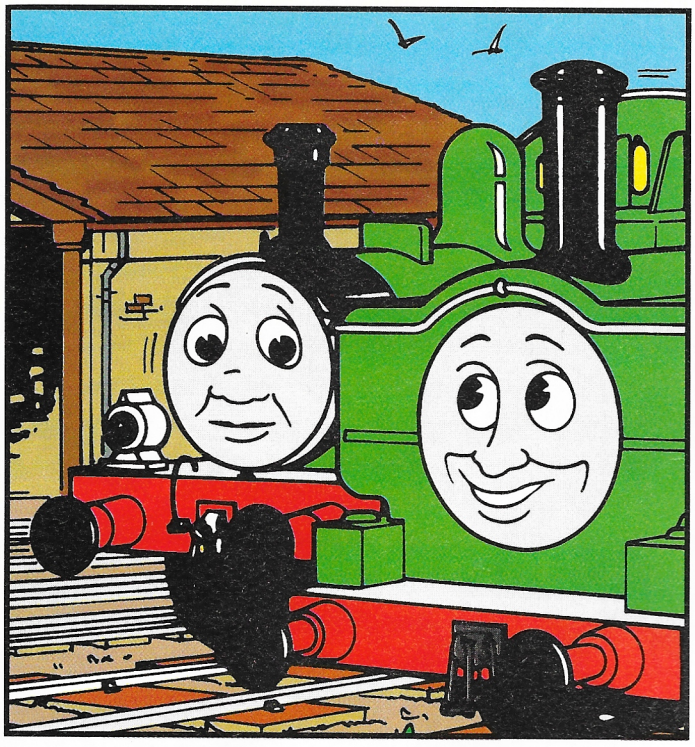
Come on now and use your pens to colour in your Engine friends!



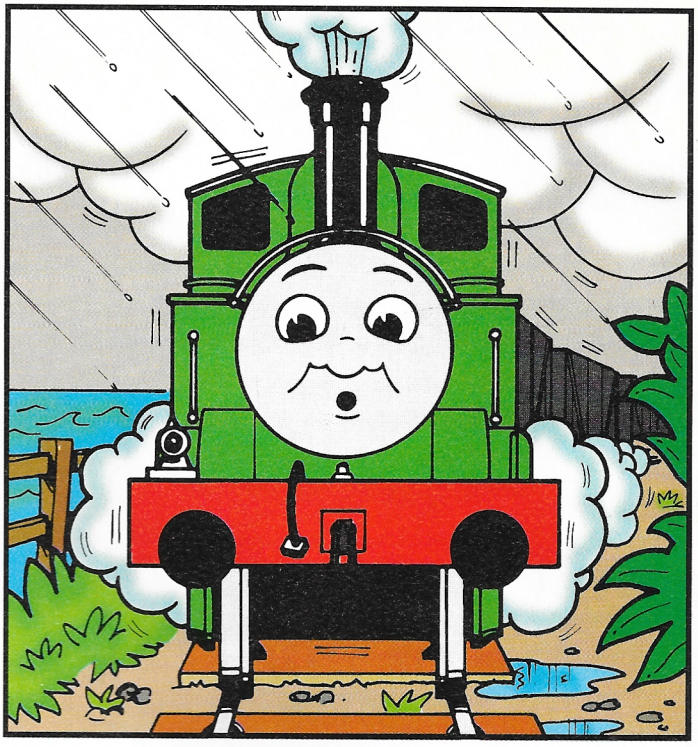


1. One morning, Oliver was busily pulling trucks full of timber on Duck's branch line by the sea. It was a very low tide and, in the mud below a cliff, he saw a wreck.

2. "I've never noticed that before," thought Oliver, as he steamed on eagerly. He delivered the timber to a boat yard, where workmen unloaded it all by crane.



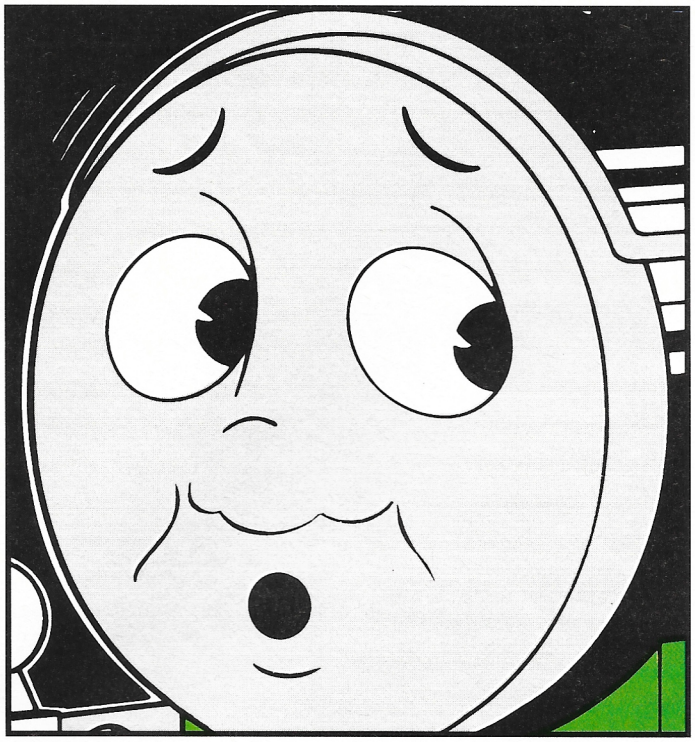
3. Later, Oliver told Duck about the wreck. "It's not often the tide goes out far enough to spot it," Duck replied. "It's the remains of an old sailing ship!"



4. For weeks, Oliver kept a watch out for the wreck. But he could not see it. Then, as he was returning from another trip along the line, a bad storm suddenly blew up.

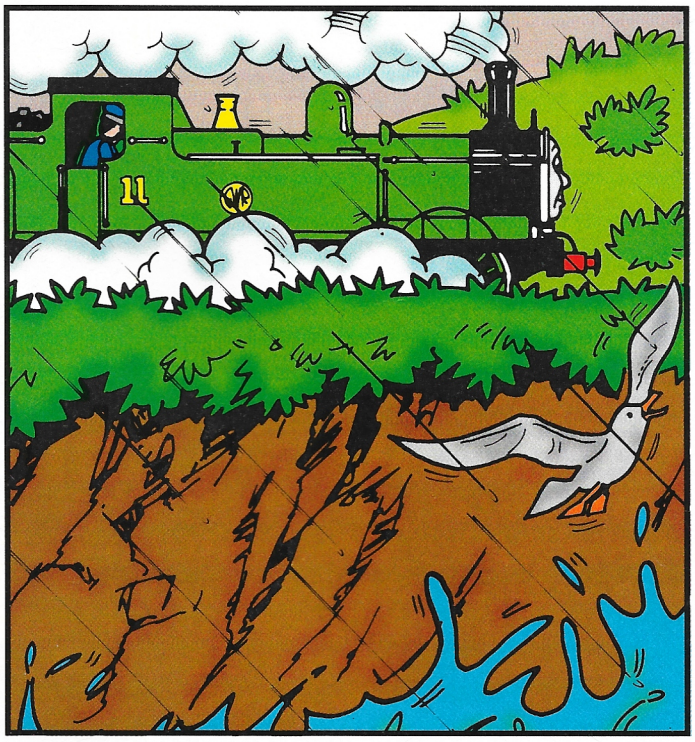
5. The wind tugged at Oliver's wheels and whipped the sea into foaming waves. Although it was daytime, the sky was as dark as night. Oliver felt very nervous.

6. But he steamed bravely on his way until he reached the cliff above the site of the wreck. Next moment, there was a flash of lightning and a clap of thunder.

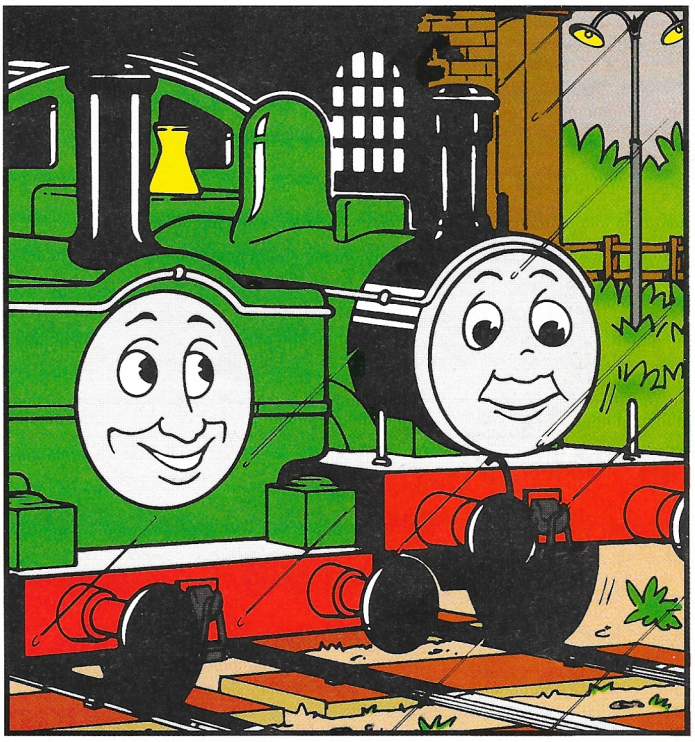


7. "Ooer! It's enough to make my wheels wobble!" groaned Oliver, unhappily. Just then, he noticed something out to sea. Oliver could hardly believe his eyes!

8. As more lightning lit up the sky, Oliver stared in amazement at an ancient galleon. It had tall masts and big sails and bobbed wildly about on the rough sea.



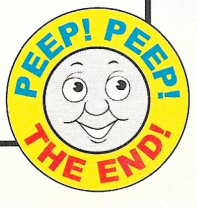
9. "The wreck's come to life!" gasped Oliver. "It's a ghost ship!" Oliver shouted at his driver to look. But he could not hear above the howling wind.



10. By the time Oliver rolled into the Main Station yard, the storm had passed. Duck laughed at Oliver's spooky story. There was more bad weather all that week.

11. Oliver and Duck were both needed to pull an extra long goods train on the branch line. The tide was out and they saw the wreck. "Ghost ship, indeed!" Duck smiled. Oliver felt silly, until they reached the boat yard. Then the two engines were astonished by what they saw. "It's the ghost ship!" cried Oliver. "Only, it's real!" Soon the manager arrived.

12. "My men used the timber that Oliver delivered to build this working model of an old sailing ship, especially for a television series," he explained. "We tried to deliver it to the Mainland but had to turn back in the storm. Now we're waiting for a fine day!" "Or there might be two wrecks," cried Oliver. "Not a ghost of a chance!" laughed Duck.

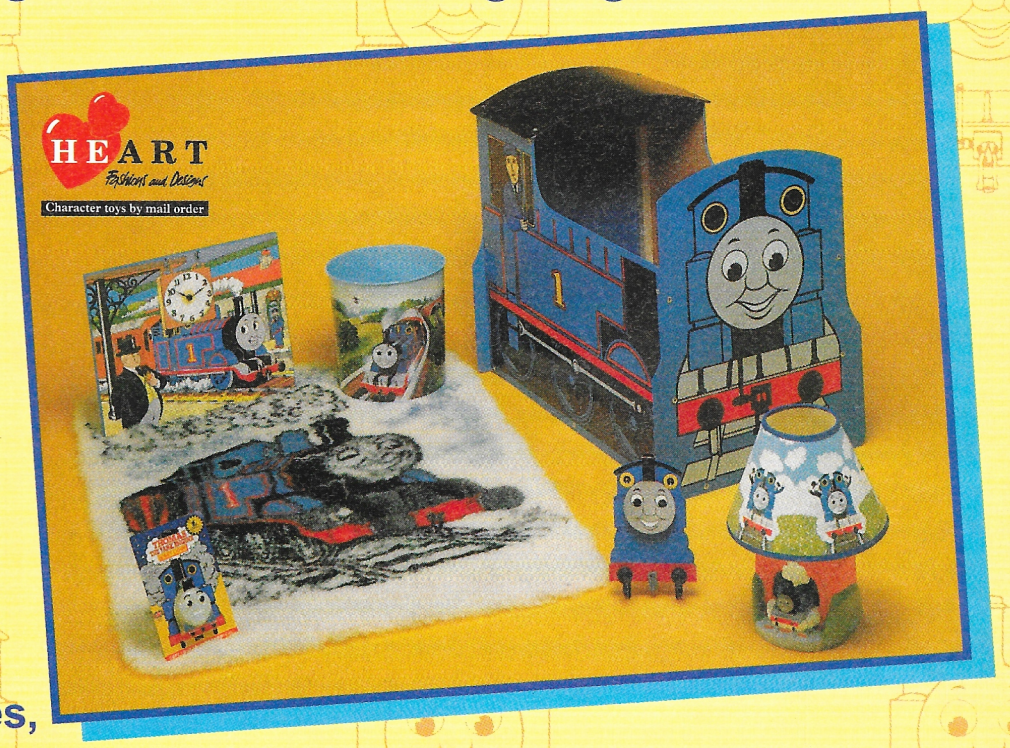


Decorate your room with Thomas!

Wow! Just look at the really great prizes that we've got to give away this issue! The first prize winner will receive a Thomas 3D lamp, picture clock, tidy bin, rug, coat peg, toybox and Thomas night light!

Ten second prize winners will each receive a Thomas picture clock!

Finally, three third prize winners will win their very own Thomas night light!



For your chance to win one of these great prizes, simply answer the question below:

In the picture above, how many pictures of Thomas can you see on the Thomas 3D lampshade?

Send your answer, along with your name, age and address, to: Thomas/Bedroom Competition, Heart Fashions and Designs, 37a High Street, Walsall Wood, West Midlands, WS9 9LR. The closing date is November 24th, so make sure you send your entry before then!

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